

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING SAINT PETER
THE APOSTLE SERBIAN ORTHO-
DOX CHURCH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church on the occasion of their 50 year anniversary. The church will be celebrating its golden anniversary at a celebration on October 13 of this year.

Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church has been a significant source of guidance in the Fresno community over the past fifty years. Many members of the Orthodox Faith in the Central San Joaquin Valley have made Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church their home.

On March 18 of 1951, Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church-School Congregation of Fresno was officially incorporated in the State of California. The Church by-laws were approved and accepted by the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of America and Canada on June 1, of 1951.

Since then, Saint Peter's has engaged in various improvement projects including starting an annual Parish Golf Tournament in 1968, that has raised thousands of dollars for the Social Hall and Education Building Funds and capital improvements on the church property and facilities. In 1989, St. Peter's Men's Club was organized. Through their monthly dinners they have raised funds for special church projects and have given thousands of dollars to local Fresno and Madera charitable organizations.

During the 1990's, Saint Peter's has been active in providing humanitarian assistance to refugees from the civil war in the former Yugoslavia as well as the Kosovo Conflict. This assistance has included housing and sponsoring 7 refugees who were receiving medical treatment and prosthetic limbs in Fresno for over a two-year period. Saint Peter's has also been active in providing food to needy families in the Fresno/Clovis area through their Humanitarian Outreach Team.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Saint Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church on its 50 year anniversary. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Church and wishing them many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARLENE R.
BANE

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, we rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Marlene R. Bane, who is being honored by the Action Democrats of the San Fernando Valley for her extraordinary dedication to democratic principles. Marlene is also a good friend with whom we have enjoyed working for many years.

Marlene is President and owner of Marlene Bane Associates. Under her leadership the firm has flourished into a full service Government Relations and Consulting Firm. She has also held important positions in the California State Assembly including Senior Consultant and Administrative Assistant. In addition, Marlene has served as a member of the California Narcotic Addict Evaluation Authority; as assistant to the President, Council of S & L Financial Corp; as an interior designer and as a teacher.

Marlene is an active member of the community who has contributed in a wide variety of ways. As Chair of the CA Lupus Appropriations Commission she was a warrior in the fight against Lupus. She serves on the CSUN Presidential Advisory Board and Board of Trustees which has greatly helped the development of the University. Also, she is well known throughout the Jewish community for her participation in groups such as the National Association of Jewish State Legislators; American Israel Public Affairs Committee; Anti Defamation League; Women's Alliance for Israel; and the Valley Jewish Business Leaders Association which she founded and helps run as a current board member. These groups are just a small sample of the many organizations in which Marlene actively participates.

The hard work that Marlene puts into service is evidenced by the many honors she has accumulated. She has received honors from the council of State legislatures, the National Institute of Health, the State of California and the Mid-Valley College of Law. Marlene is also a published author whose work can be found in the Library of Congress.

Marlene is an exemplary individual whose dedication to her community is legion. Marlene is not only a great leader, but also a loving mother and grandmother. Her late husband, Assemblyman Tom Bane, was a great man who shared Marlene's passion for democracy and good works.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join us in paying tribute to Marlene R. Bane.

VERMONT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
CONGRESSIONAL TOWN MEETING

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding work done by participants in my Student Congressional Town Meeting held this summer. These participants were part of a group of high school students from around Vermont who testified about the concerns they have as teenagers, and about what they would like to see government do regarding these concerns.

ON BEHALF OF STACEY CARON AND DALAINA BUFFUM—REGARDING FREEING FAMILIES FROM THE HIGH COST OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION, MAY 7, 2001

Congressman Sanders. Stacey, just bring the mike real close so everybody can hear you. This is a very important issue.

Stacey Caron. Every day at school, students hear their peers here talking about where they're going to college and who is going to what college. When the students go home at night for dinner, they usually sit down to have dinner with their parents. This is a time to talk about what's going on in everybody's life. I know, when I go home, I always get asked how my day was at school, and my parents are always on my back about college. Did I fill out the applications yet or the scholarship forms? So many students go through twelve years of school and work very hard to get good grades so they can get into a good college, yet many of these honor-roll students' families don't have enough money to send their children through college. It's a complete waste of talent. There are scholarships that are offered to students who excel, but how many students are going to get these scholarships and how much money are they going to get? These questions are not questions students should be asking themselves. After all the hard work students go through in school, they should be able to go to college free of charge as long as they get accepted. It's like hard work isn't enough, you now have to pay to go to college, to get a good job, and be a success in life. To me, that doesn't seem right.

Dalaina Buffum. The financial burden of college can sometimes scare students away, only because they are afraid. They aren't ready to make the commitment of leaving home, especially the financial commitment. Most students don't get out of debt until they are in their thirties. How is someone supposed to start a family and their life while they're still paying off debts? We have done research on this topic and discovered a very different system which is used over in Europe. There is a very hard test that each student that wants to go to university has to take. If you pass the exam with a certain grade, you can go to university free of charge. However, if you don't pass the exam, you can't go to college. This is very different, but at the same time proves how much a student is ready and how much they want to go to college and further their education. We believe that there should be a similar system here. This would enable more

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students who are qualified to go to college, and may boost a student's motivation to succeed in high school so they are ready for the test. We feel that this is an important issue that is worth looking into.

ON BEHALF OF ANGELA DEBLASIO AND LYNNE CLOUGH—REGARDING "RICH MAN'S RETURN" ON BUSH'S TAX CUT, MAY 7, 2001

Angela DeBlasio. President Bush has proposed a very large federal tax cut as the centerpiece of his campaign. The \$1.9 trillion ten-year cost of the plan would use up more than all the projected surpluses over the next ten years. Most of the proposed tax cuts will go to the upper-income taxpayers, with 43 percent of the tax cut targeted to the top 1 percent.

Lynne Clough. The cost of President George W. Bush's plan is enormous. Based on the official projections from the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Bush tax cut would use up slightly more than all of the projected surpluses over the first ten years. Over the fiscal period 2002 to 2011, the Bush tax cut would cost \$1.9 trillion, while the projected surpluses are \$1.8 trillion. In fact, the Bush tax cuts' effects on the surpluses are even greater than that. Besides, the official surplus projections are substantially overstated because of other factors, such as the adjustment for federal appropriations and inflation, and without adjustment for population growth or real wage growth. Thus, in far likelihood, the Bush tax cuts would use up far more than the likely surpluses over the next decade. That would require dipping more heavily into social security and the Medicare trust funds to cover the cost of the tax cuts.

Angela DeBlasio. The proposed tax cut by President Bush is not only grossly unfair, fiscally irresponsible, and economically ineffective, it would also do substantial harm to long-term financial needs of Vermont. Under the Bush proposal, a millionaire family would receive \$40,000 in tax break, while the average Vermont citizen making \$40,000 will receive only \$600. Despite a \$5 trillion national debt and the possibility of a recession around the corner, Republicans are proposing radical and permanent changes in our tax code, which will go into effect regardless of the future condition of the economy and whether projected federal surpluses ever materialize. While the Bush plan is bad for the nation, it is also bad for Vermont. That is because our income tax code is piggybacked on the federal tax code. It is projected that Vermont would lose about \$300 million over a ten-year period if Bush's plans were enacted. That would translate into higher property taxes, substantial cuts in education and police protection, not to mention other needs.

Lynne Clough. The President argues that his plan would act as a stimulus in the event of an economic downturn. Congressman Sanders, this is not so. The Bush plan provides most of the tax breaks in later years, which means they have only a minor impact, if any, on the health of today's economy. Furthermore, most economists believe a tax break for the middle class are more likely to spend the money immediately. This would have a greater impact on economy than a tax break for the rich.

Angela DeBlasio. Congressman Sanders, we must not enact a tax cut, especially one that is so incredibly large, jeopardizes the funding of other important policies, and that would return us to the days of deficit spending.

Lynne Clough. We also must not provide tax cuts that are little more than welfare for the rich, as President Bush would have us do.

Therefore, we should not allow any form of such a tax cut. Congressman Sanders, how can we even think about a tax cut when President Bush is foolishly planing to build a missile defense system, when we already have a failing social security system, as well as a deteriorating education system, which needs American tax dollars? Please agree with us that there shouldn't be any form of a tax cut.

Angela DeBlasio. Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McGoffrey said a tax cut should be one that's fair to all Americans, and must be part of a responsible, honest budget that balances all of our priorities important to American families. While Bush is predicting a recession to sell his giant tax cut, he is simultaneously proposing to slash the very initiatives that American families will need if the economy does slow down. Bush's backward talk on the economy and retrograde budget is a recipe for disaster.

Lynne Clough. Thank you, Congressman Sanders.

H.R.—A BILL TO ENSURE A UNIFORM STANDARD FOR THE SECURITY, USE AND PROTECTION OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a bill to ensure a single uniform standard for the security, use and protection of consumer financial information. This bill will temporarily establish the standard set forth in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act as the uniform standard for financial privacy. This provides the Congress and the Administration the necessary time to evaluate the potentially negative impacts of multiple, uncoordinated state regulatory schemes on consumers, intelligence gathering, law enforcement, and our economy.

The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act's provisions on the use of consumer financial information, which went into effect on July 1 of this year, establish a national standard on the use and security of such financial information. Private financial institutions have undertaken great efforts to retool and restructure their information management systems to comply with this important national standard. Across the nation, however, some state legislatures are poised to consider state legislation that would establish different standards for the use and security of consumer financial information. While the consideration is permitted under Gramm-Leach-Bliley, I am urging my colleagues to join me in imposing a temporary moratorium on state laws that would undermine the uniform national standard under Gramm-Leach-Bliley.

As my colleagues know, I am a very strong advocate for the protection of private personal information. I have aggressively pursued the enactment of federal legislation, such as Title V of Gramm-Leach-Bliley, to protect consumer financial information. As we all know, the Internet, information technology systems, and the development of electronic commerce, have reshaped our society and have presented special risks for the protection of privacy of personal financial information.

At the time Gramm-Leach-Bliley was originally enacted, it was thought that the

states could, over time, provide enhancements to the federal protections set forth in the Act. However, at this time, as the Congress and the Administration are investigating how to streamline intelligence gathering procedures that do not undermine the underlying protections in the law for the privacy of law-abiding citizens, the prospect of the creation of a fragmented "patchwork quilt" of potentially fifty different state laws represents a great threat to the security of customer financial information and to our need to establish a coordinated intelligence gathering and law enforcement effort.

The Attorney General has testified that: "We need speed in identifying and tracking down terrorists. Time is of the essence. The ability of law enforcement to trace communications into different jurisdictions without obtaining an additional court order can be the difference between life and death for American citizens." This is particularly true of financial information. A recent GAO Report that analyzed current risks to the Nation's infrastructure arising from cyber terrorism states that "Information sharing and coordination among private-sector and government organizations are essential to thoroughly understanding cyber threats and quickly identifying and mitigating attacks."

Varying laws from state to state would require financial institutions to fragment their financial records into several databases, requiring literally thousands of information technology specialists to create very complex computer and network systems to comply with each different standard of each different state. This process, by itself, would expose private financial information to increased risks of security breaches. Reduced privacy protection due to more human access through IT professionals, and more complex fragmented data management systems, risk leaving more "backdoors" that may be exploited by those who would seek to abuse the systems and hide illegal transactions.

This "patchworking" process threatens to be at odds with efforts of law enforcement. Placing the burden of complying with varying state-imposed regimes at this time would severely hinder the ability of financial institutions to respond to law enforcement subpoenas to search and retrieve financial information. The resulting delay could spell failure of time-sensitive investigations involving the tracking of assets passing through criminal and terrorist networks and could require the duplication of law enforcement efforts across 50 jurisdictions with differing standards and statutes. Finally, a lack of uniformity would impair market efficiencies that rely on the free flow of information and would harm consumers.

Specifically, this bill would impose a three-year moratorium on additional state laws that would affect the security, use and protection of consumer financial information, giving time for Congress, the Executive Branch, and the Judicial Branch to develop and implement appropriate measures to streamline and improve intelligence gathering procedures. During this time, the previously agreed to national standard set forth in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which already has been implemented throughout our economy, would govern the protection of consumer financial information.

The bill would also establish a Commission to study the issues raised by laws relating to use and security of consumer information and their impact on the economy, consumers and

intelligence gathering procedures. Congress and the states will then be able to adequately study the benefits of a uniform financial information protection law and balance the needs of national security and the benefits of the free flow of information against the appropriate level of protection for consumers.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill to ensure a national standard to preserve the uniform treatment and protection of consumer financial information during this critical time.

HONORING EVONNE STEPHENSON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Evonne Stephenson for her public service in California's Madera County. After many years of dedicated service in various clerical positions, Mrs. Stephenson is retiring as Madera City Clerk.

Mrs. Stephenson graduated from California State University, Fresno, with a degree in Secretarial Science. Her career began with the Madera County District Attorney's Office, where she served two years as a secretary. From there she went into private industry at such businesses as IADCO, Anderson Clayton and FMC Corporation. She returned to public service in 1990 as an Administrative Secretary for the City of Madera. In 1992, she became Deputy City Clerk for Madera before being appointed to City Clerk in 1993.

As an Administrative Secretary, Stephenson arranged and attended all Planning Commission meetings, prepared minutes, did follow-up work in connection with the meetings, as well as maintained department files and provided information to the public. As Deputy City Clerk, she performed such duties as administering oaths of office and elections, preparation and distribution of public notices, declarations, ordinances, and resolutions, as well as maintaining files of official city documents. After being appointed to City Clerk, she received her Certified Municipal Clerk title in 1996.

Mrs. Stephenson will officially retire on November 9, 2001. A retirement dinner is scheduled for the same date to be held at Madera's Municipal Golf Course.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Evonne Stephenson for her years of public service to Madera County. I wish Mrs. Stephenson continued success in the years to come.

A BIRTHDAY SALUTE TO MADALE WATSON

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged today to ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to my friend, Madale Watson, who celebrated her 90th birthday last week.

Madale has been a fixture in Democratic politics in the state of California since her service in James Harvey Brown's Assembly

campaigns in 1948 and 1950. Born into a political family, her father was the District Coordinator for Congressman Jerry Voorhes.

A pioneer and strong advocate for the participation of women in politics and governance, she twice was a candidate herself for the California Assembly. Building on her own political experience, she served as the treasurer of numerous campaigns for Democratic candidates.

She was appointed to the Democratic State Central Committee in the 1950s and served as its Vice Chair. She was the treasurer of the California Democratic Party's Southern Division from 1971 to 1977. Coordinator of far too many political dinners to count, she won special notice for her work for President John F. Kennedy in 1962.

She attended five national party conventions.

This remarkable woman didn't confine herself to politics. She was also Chair of the California State Board of Registered Nursing and a Member of the Board of the California Public Employees Retirement System.

Friend to innumerable political figures, none of them dared be self-important around Madale Watson. She knew exactly how to cut a person down to size. Her irrepressible personality, her endless energy and her quick wit made her much beloved by all privileged to know her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in birthday greetings to a California legend—Madale Watson.

HONORING CAL RIPKEN, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to pay tribute to one of America's great role models, both on and off the field. For those of us in the Metropolitan Washington area still yearning for a team of our own, the Baltimore Orioles are our home team, and Cal Ripken the long time leader of the pack.

On June 18, at age 41, Cal Ripken announced he was leaving the game he loved after 21 seasons to spend more time with his family and devote more energy to his youth baseball endeavors in his home town of Aberdeen, Maryland.

"It's inevitable that you can't play forever," he said. "I've maximized my window of opportunity as well as anyone. Baseball has given me a lot of joy and happiness and satisfaction. I'm proud of what I've been able to do."

Cal's place in baseball history would have been secure even without The Streak of 2,632 straight games. He came to the Baltimore Orioles as a rookie on August 10, 1981, 14 days shy of his 21st birthday. He won the American League's Rookie of the Year award in 1982 and its Most Valuable Player award in 1983 and again in 1991; set the American League record for assists by a short stop for single season in 1984; became only the second player in major league history to be named the league's Most Valuable Player, Major League Player of the Year, All-Star Game MVP, and winner of a Gold Glove in the same season in 1991; led AL Shortstops in assists for 7

straight seasons, setting the new league record in 1993; became the Orioles all-time leader with 819 extra base hits in 1996; hit his 400th home run in 1999, and recorded his 3,000th hit in 2000.

Cal's history of community involvement mirrors the type of dedication and commitment he's famous for on the field. Cal actively supports his community in a variety of ways, including the establishment of The Kelly and Cal Ripken, Jr. Foundation, which supports community adult and family literacy in the greater Baltimore area. Additionally, the Cal Ripken, Jr./Lou Gehrig ALS Research Fund at Johns Hopkins was established in September 1995 in commemoration of Cal's record-breaking feat.

Cal Ripken came to be identified strongly with the city in which he played, his work ethic reflecting Baltimore's working class pride. He grew up outside Baltimore and played his entire professional career in the Orioles' organization. That, unfortunately, is all-too-rare an occurrence today.

In closing Mr. Speaker, three words sum up Cal Ripken Jr. as both player and citizen—excellence, dependability and consistency.

HONORING THE MONROE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Monroe Business and Professional Women (BPW) on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary. The Monroe County Chapter of the BPW was founded in 1926 with Lydia Schmeising presiding as the first president.

It would be hard to understate the success of the Monroe BPW in advocating on behalf of all women. The formal and informal networking, mentoring and resources the BPW provides its members has helped promote and advance the careers of hundreds of women throughout its 75 year history. The leadership the BPW has provided on issues such as gender and pay equity are but two examples of its effectiveness as a forum for advocating women's issues.

One of the more subtle accomplishments of the BPW is the manner in which it has quietly persisted throughout its history. No one needs to be reminded of the difficult times in which we live or through which we have come during the past 75 years. And yet the Monroe BPW has continued on as both an anchor in times of turbulence and as a guiding light during times of prosperity for the women of the Monroe community.

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge and commend to your attention the enduring contributions the BPW has made to the greater Monroe community on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary, celebrated October 10, 2001. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in saluting the accomplishments and the 75th anniversary of the Monroe Business and Professional Women.

THE PASSING OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN DAVID S. DENNISON

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, today, I am deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of former Congressman David S. Dennison.

David Dennison was born on July 29, 1918, to David Sr. and Cordella Ford Whitman Dennison. Besides his wife, Dorothy K. Houlette Dennison, a son, David W.; two stepsons, Joseph Houlette and Thomas Houlette; and six grandchildren survive him.

David was a special counsel to the city of Warren, and also served as a special assistant in Trumbull County to the Ohio Attorney General. He was also a U. S. Congressman to the 11th District of Ohio from 1957–1959. Not only was he a contributing member of the Youngstown community, but also a loyal servant to his country. A veteran of World War II, he served in the British Eighth Army in Africa and fought for our Nation's freedom.

David was also a member of St. John Episcopal Church in Youngstown, OH, and was also a member of the Carmel Foundation in Carmel, CA, the York School, the Monterey College of Law, and Monterey Visiting Nurse Association and the Hospice before his retirement in 2000.

The lives of many were enriched by Mr. Dennison's life. He always took the time to make people feel extra special with a kind word or a warm smile. He was a wonderful friend and all who knew him looked up to him. The Youngstown community will sorely miss David S. Dennison. I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

HONORING CAL RIPKEN, JR.

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor to support this resolution offered by two of my Maryland colleagues, Representatives CARDIN and EHRlich, honoring Cal Ripken, Jr., the current 3rd baseman for the Baltimore Orioles and baseball's "Iron Man," for his contributions to baseball and the community.

Cal Ripken is involved in numerous philanthropic activities, including the Kelly & Cal Ripken, Jr. Foundation, started in 1992, which primarily support community adult and family literacy, youth recreation, and health-related programs in the greater Baltimore area. He and his wife, Kelly, also support adult literacy through Baltimore Reads, Inc.

We are here to acknowledge a person that gives back so much to his community and we thank him. However, we are here today to primarily honor Cal Ripken as a great baseball player.

Cal Ripken joined the Baltimore Orioles in 1982 and has stayed with the same team throughout his long and impressive career. The 1982 American League Rookie of the Year and a two-time American League MVP,

Cal was elected to start in the 2001 All-Star Game. It was his 19th consecutive All-Star nomination and a record 17th as a starter. Ripken was presented the Commissioner's Historic Achievement Award during the 2001 All-Star Game, by Commissioner Bud Selig. It is only appropriate that Cal was also named the game's MVP during his last appearance at an All-Star game. On September 4, 2001, Cal Ripken, Jr., hit his 600th double, joining Hank Aaron, Stan Musial and Carl Yastrzemski as the only players with 600 doubles, 400 home runs, 5,000 total bases and 3,000 hits.

His performance this year is indicative of his entire career.

As a review,

Cal became the second player in 1991, in major league history to be named the leagues' MVP, Major League player of the year, All-Star Game MVP, and winner of a Gold Glove in the same season.

Cal broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games played.

Cal played every day for several years, finally sitting down in 1995, after having played in 2,632 games.

Cal holds the Major League record for consecutive games played. He is one of seven players in the history of the game to amass more than 3,000 hits and more than 400 home runs.

Cal led the Baltimore Orioles to World Series victory in 1983.

These remarkable accomplishments mark just the highlights of an outstanding baseball player.

In the field and off, he has built a strong reputation as a leader. Eleven teams have held special tributes to honor the "Iron Man" since he announced his retirement. Cal's last farewell game will be this Saturday during a rescheduled game played at home. Baltimore City, the Nation, and Major League Baseball will miss Cal. He brought character, dignity, and loyalty to the game of baseball and the Orioles franchise.

I urge all my colleagues to support this resolution and support a great sports hero.

HONORING THE FRESNO RESCUE MISSION**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fresno Rescue Mission on the occasion of their annual Fall Festival Banquet. The Fresno Rescue Mission is a non-profit evangelical Christian organization that has served the social and spiritual needs of the Fresno community for the past 52 years.

The Fresno Rescue Mission works with homeless individuals, impoverished families, runaway, abused and neglected children, and single transient adults in the greater Fresno County area. The Fresno Rescue Mission provides emergency shelter, food, youth and family services, rehabilitation for the addicted, education, job training and spiritual assistance to all who seek help.

The Fall Festival Banquet will feature guest speaker Pastor G.L. Johnson of Fresno's Peoples Church. Johnson has been the People's Church Senior Pastor since 1963. He is one

of Fresno's best-known and most respected pastors. The festival will also honor "heritage partners," those who have donated \$10,000 or more to the Mission over their lifetime. They will also honor 28 men who have graduated from the Mission's alcohol and drug recovery program.

The Fresno Rescue Mission is the largest service organization in California's Central Valley. The Mission is responsible for the creation of 22 other Missions throughout the Western United States, all of which were started by graduates from their alcohol and drug recovery program.

Mr. Speaker, I want to honor the Fresno Rescue Mission on the occasion of their Fall Festival Banquet. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Rescue Mission many more years of continued success.

IN HONOR OF THE LUBRIZOL CORPORATION**HON. KEN BENTSEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lubrizol Corporation of Deer Park, Texas. On November 15, 2001 the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce will name the Lubrizol Corporation Industry of the Year for 2001.

The Lubrizol Corporation is a global leader in fluid technology. The corporate vision focuses on creating technologies that will make the world a better place. With more than 4,000 employees worldwide, the company has annual revenues close to \$1.8 billion.

Founded in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1928, the Lubrizol Corporation was originally a manufacturer of graphite oil products. Today their fluid technologies increase operating efficiency and reduce harmful effects on the environment. In addition to specialty additives for lubricants and fuels, Lubrizol's products have applications in a variety of markets including coatings, metal workings, fluids for industry, advanced fluid systems and emissions control.

Lubrizol has emerged into a global, fluid technology company concentrating on high performance chemicals, systems and services for industry and transportation with worldwide manufacturing capabilities and plants in Deer Park and Bayport. The facility services approximately 500 customers in 50 countries and employs over 700 regular and contract workers.

Lubrizol's corporate philosophy emphasizes a dedication to maintaining the health and safety of its employees, customers, neighbors and the environment. With this philosophy in mind the Lubrizol Corporation has supported the American Chemical Council's Responsible Care Initiative, the Texas Chemical Council, Houston Regional Monitoring, and the Deer Park Local Emergency Planning Committee. Like all Lubrizol employees, the people at the Deer Park facility provide a significant amount of time and resources to a variety of community activities. Lubrizol supports many youth activities and school programs through the Deer Park Independent School District, and last year they provided 34 scholarships to students attending San Jacinto College. The corporation also assists such organizations as the United Way, the Red Cross, the Boys & Girls Harbor and the Armand Bayou Nature Center.

In closing, I want to again congratulate the employees of the Lubrizol Corporation for their exemplary model of community activism and wish them continued success in future endeavors.

**HONORING THE EIGHTH AIR
FORCE KNOWN AS THE MIGHTY
8TH**

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the history and contributions of the Eighth Air Force which became known as the Mighty 8th.

The Eighth Air Force was formed and dispatched to England in 1942 to become the largest military unit in World War II, and the largest bomber force of all times. Over 350,000 airmen served in Europe. The Eighth Air Force has continued as an operational combat unit to this day with over one million serving the country in war and in peace.

No Mighty 8th mission was ever turned back due to enemy action during World War II. The cost was 26,000 killed in action, and over 28,000 prisoners of war. In the one week period of October 8–14, 1943, the Eighth Air Force lost 150 Heavy Bombers to enemy action in the skies of Europe, and despite heavy losses many feel that this was the turning point for daylight strategic bombing.

The Eighth Air Force Historical Society, the largest single military unit veteran group in history, continues to hold its annual reunions in the month of October.

Today I join with the Eighth Air Force Historical Society members to support their efforts to inform generations that followed them, of the contributions and sacrifice made by the "greatest generation" to perpetuate American's freedom and way of life.

Please join me in thanking the Mighty 8th for their service in the military and for their contributions to this great country.

God Bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on October 4 and October 5, 2001, due to a family commitment, I was unavailable for roll call votes Nos. 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, and 371. Had I been here, I would have voted "No", "No", "No", "Aye", "Aye", and "Aye".

WELCOMING REVEREND SOLOMON

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome Reverend Solomon to these chambers and I am very appreciative of his leadership in

Birmingham, Alabama and his work on the National level with the National Baptist Convention. Many opportunities have been offered to this young man and many things are expected from him! These are difficult times, and young men like Rev. Solomon will make the difference. May God bless him and his family and may God bless America."

Reverend Solomon is the second of three sons born to Rev. Donald and Clarice Solomon. He was educated in the Jefferson County School System and is a 1984 graduate of Minor High School. He furthered his secular education by attending the University of West Alabama (Livingston, Alabama), Miles College and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Pastor Solomon responded to the call of God and began his preaching ministry on January 13, 1991. He prepared for ministry by attending Birmingham Essonian Baptist Bible College and Andersonville Baptist Seminary.

In June of 1995, he again responded to the call of God and accepted the invitation to become the first pastor of the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of North Pratt. Pastor Solomon has equipped and organized the members of Mt. Moriah and led them into a sustained period of spiritual and financial growth. Pastor Solomon has had the opportunity to preach revivals and teach seminars in cities across the country to include: Louisville, Kentucky; Akron, Ohio; Canton, Ohio and Meridian, Mississippi.

Pastor Solomon is the vice president of the Pratt City Ministerial Alliance, a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Community Assistance Program, and a member of the board of directors of the Alabama Galleries of the Greats.

Pastor Solomon is married to the former Cheryl Lynn Fisher. They have one son (Walter, III) and one daughter (Christian). The University of Alabama-Birmingham employs Pastor Solomon as the Technical Supervisor for Inpatient Pharmacy.

**IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 203, THE NA-
TIONAL SMALL BUSINESS REGU-
LATORY ACT OF 2001**

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 203, the National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2001. H.R. 203 establishes a pilot program at the Small Business Administration (SBA) to allow Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) to provide regulatory compliance counseling to small businesses. Currently, SBDCs provide invaluable free business advice to entrepreneurs thinking about starting a new small business or to those struggling in their current business. The Small Business Development Center program is the largest management and technical assistance program for small businesses in the United States.

H.R. 203 would expand the role of SBDCs to include: (a) training and education in regulatory compliance, which would assist small business owners who are often unaware of or overwhelmed by federal regulations; (b) confidential, free-of-charge regulatory compliance counseling; and (c) technical assistance and

referral to experts for more complicated compliance issues.

In my district of El Paso, Texas, there is a SBDC located at the El Paso Community College. The Center promotes growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity, and improvement of small businesses, as well as supporting entrepreneurs in the service area. The El Paso Community College SBDC is one of twelve service centers in the region serving El Paso and Hudspeth counties. They have been open for more than 17 years and have assisted more than 12,000 businesses over the years. Advisory services are provided at no cost to the client. As you can imagine, this is invaluable to those who are starting their first business and are looking for guidance. The economic impact of the services provided by the SBDC to the El Paso region is \$210 million. This additional funding for the added services available to businesses will be very helpful to the many businesses that utilize the SBDC and for the many businesses that will need the services of the SBDC in the future.

I strongly support this legislation and urge all of my colleagues to vote for this bill.

**THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENT IN-
FORMATION ACT & THE EPHE-
DRINE ALKALOID CONSUMER PRO-
TECTION ACT**

HON. SUSAN DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing two bills that address an important public health issue: the safety of dietary supplements. Over the past few years, we have heard about many tragedies linked to dietary supplements. This summer, America witnessed the deaths of some fine athletes.

One supplement in particular, Ephedrine, has received a lot of scrutiny. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has collected more than 800 reports of Ephedrine users suffering adverse reactions, ranging from dizziness and dementia to stroke, heart attack, and sudden death. While these reports indicate that Ephedrine may be dangerous, the FDA does not have enough information to prove or disprove it is unsafe.

Current law is preventing the FDA from collecting additional adverse event reports. It also prevents the agency from asking supplement companies for copies of their safety studies. Without this information, the FDA cannot adequately research the risks and benefits of dietary supplements. This is simply unacceptable.

Congress has the authority and the obligation to protect American consumers. It is time for Congress to stop standing on the sidelines. We must take action.

We need to stand up for Tammy Cole, a 35-year-old San Diego resident who suffered panic attacks, chest pain, and insomnia after taking an ephedra supplement for one month.

We need to stand up for Sarah Ingham, a 24-year-old Manassas resident who suffered a stroke in the spring of 2000. She had been taking an ephedra supplement to lose weight for her wedding.

We need to stand up for Rosanna Porras, a 15-year-old Californian who died on a high school soccer field from a massive heart attack. Her parents believe that ephedrine pills

triggered an underlying heart condition, causing her death.

We need to stand up for the 11 high school, college and professional football players, including Rashidi Wheeler, whose supplement use may have contributed to or caused their deaths in the last year.

The problems we face today are in large part due to Congressional action in the early 1990s. In 1994, Congress passed the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act into law (DSHEA). This bill virtually deregulated the supplement industry.

Prior to 1994, all food, drug and supplement manufacturers had to prove that their products were safe before they could be sold in the U.S. DSHEA created a substantial loophole for dietary supplements by shifting the burden of proof to the FDA. Now the FDA must prove that a dietary supplement is unsafe before it can be banned for sale.

Since 1994, supplement production and sales have exploded. Industry trade groups report that supplement sales reached \$16.8 billion in 2000. Americans are spending billions on products that have not been proven to be safe or effective. The American public deserves better than this. They deserve clear information about the benefits and risks of supplements. My legislation, the Ephedrine Alkaloid Consumer Protection Act and the Dietary Supplement Information Act, will give consumers the information they deserve.

The Ephedrine Alkaloid Consumer Protection Act will give consumers information about the potentially lethal side effects and drug interactions of ephedrine alkaloid products. First, it will require a standardized warning to be printed on the label. The bill will also make sure that consumers know how to report any concerns or adverse reactions by requiring the FDA's MedWatch phone number and website to be printed on the product label. Finally, the bill will protect our kids by prohibiting the sale of ephedrine to minors. No person under the age of 18 years old will be able to buy ephedrine products.

To ensure that this provision is enforced, we will require the products to be kept "behind the counter" so that sales personnel are more aware of the age restriction. Putting the product behind the counter will also make adults more aware of the dangers of Ephedrine products. If they have to ask for assistance to get the product, they will be more likely to read the warning label and talk to the pharmacist or seller about Ephedrine.

My second bill, the Dietary Supplement Information Act, addresses many of the public health and safety concerns about the lack of information and regulation of products defined as dietary supplements. First, manufacturers, producers and distributors of dietary supplements will be required to register with the Food and Drug Administration. Manufacturers will also be required to register their specific products with the FDA. The supplement industry will be required to submit all serious adverse event reports to the FDA within 15 days. Supplement manufacturers and the FDA will work as partners to investigate and analyze these reports. To make sure that consumers know how to report an incident to the FDA directly, my legislation will require the FDA's MedWatch phone number and website to be printed on all dietary supplement product labels. If the FDA determines that a specific supplement may have serious health con-

sequences, it can require the manufacturer to do a postmarket surveillance study to ensure that the product is safe.

I want to make it very clear that my legislation will *not* ban dietary supplements. However, consumers have a right to know the benefits and risks of the supplements they are taking. We cannot continue to stand on the sidelines and watch consumers suffer serious medical consequences from these products. I urge my colleagues in Congress to join me in passing these two bills swiftly into law.

IN MEMORIAM—CHARLES DAVID MANKINS, MARK VERNON RICH, RICHARD LEE TENENOFF

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 6, 2001, the family and friends of Dave Mankins, Mark Rich and Rick Tenenoff, three New Tribes Missionaries, gathered in Central Florida to celebrate their lives, work and service to our Lord. On January 31, 1993 they were taken from their families in the Darien jungles of Panama by Colombian guerillas. These missionaries had come to Central America to minister with a message of peace and love of God. They were held captive in Colombia and died at the hands of their captors in 1996.

Their heroic wives, Nancy Mankins, Tania Rich and Patti Tenenoff and New Tribes Mission officials made every possible effort to secure the release or learn the fate of their husbands and colleagues. Only recent accounts by guerilla defectors have validated reports that the men were killed in 1996.

Over the past 8 years it has been my honor to work with the wives of these three missionaries. They were unrelenting in their quest to secure the return of their husbands to their families and freedom. They brought their message of hope for the release of their loved ones to presidents, ministers, heads of state, ambassadors and to international organizations. They mounted an unprecedented campaign to free their husbands based on determination and faith. Over the years and through most difficult times, Nancy, Tania and Patti demonstrated an unparalleled love for their husbands and trust in God. They are true heroes who are now left to raise their children and comfort their families. To each of these extraordinary wives, their children and their families, I extend my deepest sympathy.

While we mourn the loss of these three devoted missionaries, we also celebrate their lives. Today with hate, distrust and anger in the world, it is a consolation to know that three men have sacrificed their lives in order to spread a message of faith in God, hope and love. Today in the United States Congress we remember and pay tribute to Dave Mankins, survived by his wife Nancy and their children Chad and Sarah; to Mark Rich, survived by his wife Tania and their daughters Tamra and Jessica; and to Rick Tenenoff, survived by his wife Patti and their children Dora, Connie and Lee.

APCD FORUM OFFERS RARE OPPORTUNITY TO CHINA

HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum in Shanghai will tell us a great deal about the Communist Chinese leadership's true intentions for engagement with the world. Specifically, the question is whether or not China embraces the moment by allowing full participation from member states with a common interest in advancing trade, encouraging investment, and expanding economic growth around the Pacific Rim.

Although they haven't yet invited President Chen of Taiwan to attend the APEC Forum, the Communist leaders in Beijing can still demonstrate that they are serious about addressing and eventually resolving their differences with Taiwan in a thoughtful, productive, and enlightened way by offering President Chen a chance to join other leaders at the table of consultation and negotiation.

Beijing should take this opportunity to broaden their approach and lower tensions in the region by extending an invitation to President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to attend the APEC Summit in China. The decision to invite President Chen would send a strong signal that China was committed to seeking peaceful resolutions to issues of mutual concern between the people of China and the people of Taiwan.

The key to resolving tension between China and Taiwan begins an open and wide ranging dialogue that encompasses all the issues important to both parties. China can take a critical step on the pathway of constructive engagement by inviting President Chen to attend the summit.

The United States seeks the fullest possible trading relationship with all APEC members. We want all nations to experience the benefits of globalization and sustained economic growth. We hope that China signals its support for this goal as well by reaching out to Taiwan and allowing President Chen to travel to Shanghai.

MEMORIALIZING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2001

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of House Joint Resolution 42, which requires the American flags on all Federal office buildings to be lowered to half-staff each year in commemoration of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service held in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which honors our nation's firefighters who died in the line of duty.

During the recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., firefighters did their jobs at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center buildings and emerged as true heroes, dedicated to saving and protecting lives. These are individuals who deserve our highest praise for their brave commitment to

duty. September 11, 2001 was a tragic day that proved to the world that the resolve of our nation's firefighters is strong, as it is every day. The American firefighter goes to work every day and puts his or her life on the line for the protection of fellow citizens, whether the day is routine, or carries with it the face of national tragedy. There is no question that every fallen firefighter deserves this honor, and I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

I am proud to have close to thirty firefighters in my family. It is a deep rooted tradition and a strong dedication to service that has been in my family for years. As was evident to everyone across the world on September 11, firefighters are brothers and sisters bound together by duty. And on that tragic day, 343 New York Firefighters were lost, as well as one firefighter from New Jersey. Public service officers all over the world mourn the deaths of the firefighters who lost their lives in these attacks. Yet they know that tomorrow will bring a new day where people everywhere will count on firefighters to be ready to assist where they are needed most, ready to protect the lives of their fellow citizens.

This resolution is a great honor for our public service officers and a proud sentiment from a grateful Nation.

SAFE ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Securing American Families Effectively (SAFE) Act. The SAFE Act makes common-sense changes to federal law that will enhance the government's ability to prevent terrorist incidents. Unlike other proposals, my legislation in no way threatens the constitutional liberties of the American people. In fact, the only people threatened under the SAFE Act are terrorists.

The SAFE Act repeals regulations preventing agencies who deal with terrorism from sharing information among themselves. Currently, there are limits on sharing data with policy makers and there is a nearly unanimous agreement on lifting these restrictions. Removing the restrictions on data sharing is a good step which provides more—not less—openness and government transparency.

Hard as it may be to believe, there are actually existing directives in the law enforcement and intelligence communities which grant suspects "extra-legal" rights. These "special" rights could, and should, be clarified without changing existing law. This is why the SAFE Act adopts several of the administration's proposals to change the procedures regarding prosecutions of terrorism, such as eliminating the statute of limitations for terrorist offenses.

Perhaps the most significant change made to procedures is codifying that probable cause is the maximum standard for an investigation of terrorism. According to information received by my office some federal agencies actually have to meet a higher standard than the constitutional standard of probable cause in order to launch an investigation of suspected terrorists. It is absurd to make the FBI meet a higher standard to initiate an investigation of a terrorist than to initiate an investigation of an insider trader!

Finally, the SAFE Act drastically reduces immigration from countries on the State Department's terrorist list and countries which refuse to provide assistance in the battle against terrorists. Whatever one's feelings on other questions connected with immigration, I would hope we all could agree that the United States has an obligation to keep those who may be threats to the security of United States citizens outside the country. This is especially true considering that the programs I proposed limiting allow immigrants to take advantage of taxpayer-funded educational programs and provide other special privileges for immigrants from terrorist countries. It is the height of absurdity to allow immigrants from countries involved in terrorist activities against American citizens special preferences denied to immigrants from America's closest allies.

I would also hope that we could all agree that this is far preferable to systems of nationwide "surveillance," which could threaten the liberty of all immigrants and eventually all citizens. This is an instance where the interests of liberty and security coincide entirely.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in taking these common-sense steps to protecting the liberty and the security of the American people from terrorists by cosponsoring the Securing American Families Effectively (SAFE) Act.

SUPPORT OF AMERICAN MILITARY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the American military and the American people. The terrorist acts of September 11, 2001 were inexcusably the acts of cowards," said Congresswoman JOHNSON. "The perpetrators of those acts have sought to pervert the Islamic faith and to use it as a justification, but in so doing, they have betrayed the very principles they purport to uphold. There is, and never will be, any religious justification for the killing of innocent people. Those who seek to convince the world that there is any sound reasoning behind the acts of terror committed is simply betraying their own insanity. America has every right, and should exercise every right, to protect its citizens.

I continue to encourage the use of diplomatic efforts to the greatest extent possible to win the war on terrorism. We should ensure that we communicate with our neighbors in the world community and develop alliances wherever those relationships will be positive. We should listen to people who think differently than we do. America does, however, have the right to defend itself and will not compromise the right to take whatever action is necessary to protect its people, militarily or otherwise. Clearly, there are people around the world who do not agree with all of America's international activities. In a civilized world, though, we deal with our differences through discussion. In a civilized world, we seek to change opinions. In a civilized world, we understand that the views of a small minority on the radical fringes of fundamentalism will never dictate the activities of the masses. America will

never, ever bow to the wishes of terrorists. We will continue to dedicate ourselves to improving our democracy and making it more inclusive. We will continue to lead the world economy and find new ways to ensure that everyone participates in prosperity. Most importantly, our nation will continue to refine our model of freedom and hold that model up as a beacon for the rest of the world.

Like most of my colleagues, and most Americans, I support the actions of the President to take proactive steps to rid the world of the terrorist threat. We should continue to act against strategic targets and protect the lives of the innocent without fail. All of our constituents should understand that this will not be a quick process, and it will not be a perfect process, but it will ultimately result in a secure freedom for generations to come all over the world. While we should listen to the sentiments of other nations, we will never acquiesce to the demands of the sick forces of oppression.

Mr. Speaker, Osama bin Laden, and anyone else who thinks that they can divide the American people, or separate America from its International partners in peace, should know that their efforts are futile. We are a strong people, united in our belief in democracy. Most importantly, those who think that their cowardly acts will earn them a seat in Heaven should know that God despises cowards, despises hypocrites, and despises murderers. They will not succeed in their plan to pit Arabs against Americans, Muslims against Christians, and to prostitute the plight of the Palestinians for their own ruthless purpose. The forces of terror will, in short order, find themselves isolated, and find themselves punished for their sins against freedom.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANNA MARIA ARIAS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to remember the life of Anna Maria Arias who passed away on Monday, October 1. Many will miss her and mourn her passing.

Anna Maria was the Founder, Publisher and Editor of Latina Style Magazine. Latina Style embodies the life and spirit of the Hispanic woman. Anna Maria will best be remembered for her relentless pursuit of access to education and capital for Hispanic women.

In this pursuit, Anna Maria initiated the prestigious "Latina Style 50." The "Latina Style 50" honors and showcases the top 50 American companies that promote a healthy working environment for Latina professionals. Each year, the magazine issues a special report listing the 50 best companies for Latinas to work for in the United States. Beyond the "Latina Style 50," the magazine is recognized for its Business Series, a one-day free seminar, conducted across the country. This Business Series was launched in 1998 with the full endorsement of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Minority Business Development Agency, the Women Business Centers and the regional Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. The Series is the most extensive

Latina business-owner development program in the nation and is a success because of Anna Maria's vision and dedication. During this difficult loss, the magazine is committed more than ever to carry out the hopes and dreams, and entrepreneurial spirit of this very talented young woman.

Mr. Speaker, Anna Maria Arias was a person who lived an accomplished life. She deeply cared for people and wanted only the best for them. I was proud to have called her my friend. Her memory will live on in the hearts and minds of the people whom she touched. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and warmest regards to her husband, Robert E. Bard, and their families at this time of remembrance. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL DAY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON
TAIWAN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the

Republic of China (ROC)—October 10th, 2001—I send my warmest greetings, congratulations and best wishes to President Chen Shui-bian, the Honorable C.J. Chen, ROC Representative to the United States, and the good people of Taiwan.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank President Chen, Representative Chen and the leaders of Taiwan for their strong support of the United States in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks on America. As our Nation struggled to recover from the horrific tragedy, I would note Taiwan was one of the first governments to declare unequivocal support for and cooperation with the United States to combat terrorism worldwide.

President Chen has repeatedly affirmed Taiwan's strong belief that the United States is on the right course in going after terrorists and extremists worldwide, and Taiwan has offered assistance in this mission. Terrorism knows no national boundaries and terrorists seek to destroy freedom and our democratic way of life. Standing shoulder to shoulder as fellow democracies, Taiwan has mourned with America, shared the pain of our Nation, and joined in partnership to fight terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, the quick response of Taiwan is not surprising, as the Republic of China is a true democracy—a democracy that cher-

ishes, protects and respects all of the rights of her citizens. The success of Taiwan's democracy is further reflected in her prosperity where, despite having only 23 million people, Taiwan has developed into one of the most important and robust economies in the world.

As the United States leads the global fight to eradicate terrorism, Mr. Speaker, let us be thankful for good friends and allies such as Taiwan. In this regard, Representative C.J. Chen has done an excellent and superb job on Capitol Hill and Washington in representing Taiwan and furthering relations between our governments.

Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the National Day marking the birth of the Republic of China, I ask our colleagues and all Americans to join me in saluting and honoring the strong, vibrant and impressive democracy that is Taiwan today